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## NICARAGUA.

BLUEFIELDS, NICARAGUA, CENTRAL AMERICA, *April 5, 1899.*

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of March 20, having inclosed therein a copy of the quarantine laws and regulations of the United States, and one of the "Rules for the government of vessels while at fruit ports." In accordance with the latter, I hereby send a copy of certificates furnished the steamships *Sunniva* and *Breifond* and a specimen of the certificates to be furnished passengers when sufficient time has elapsed for their departure. Hereafter, I will send to you by each vessel a copy of the certificates she carries and not of 2 vessels at once as in this case, which, however, was unavoidable. \* \* \*

The general health and sanitary condition of Bluefields and suburbs I find good and as I extend my personal examination of more distant neighborhoods will advise you as to their condition.

Respectfully, yours,

D. W. GOODMAN,

*Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.*

The SUPERVISING SURGEON-GENERAL,

*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*

[Inclosure No. 1.]

BLUEFIELDS, NICARAGUA, *April 5, 1899.*

This is to certify that I have examined the steamship *Sunniva*, Tallagsen, master, and found her in good sanitary condition. Her crew consists of 14 men and all are now in good health. Said steamship *Sunniva* is bound for New Orleans, La.

I further certify that the health of Bluefields and adjacent country is good and that said master, crew, and the following passengers have complied with the rules and regulations of the United States Marine-Hospital Service. No passengers on board.

D. W. GOODMAN, M. D.,

*Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.*

[Inclosure No. 2.]

BLUEFIELDS, NICARAGUA, ———, *1899.*

I hereby certify that ———, the bearer of this, has been under my observation for ten days prior to departure from Bluefields and has complied with the rules of the United States Marine-Hospital Service.

*Sanitary report from Bluefields.*

[Inclosure No. 3.]

BLUEFIELDS, NICARAGUA, *April 13, 1899.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that the health conditions of Bluefields and adjacent territory continue good.

A vague rumor of the existence of variola in the outskirts of the town, proved, on investigation, to be false, and based solely on a few cases of varicella in children.

I have had made copies of the rules and regulations governing vessels in fruit ports, and furnished the same to the agents of the steamship lines, with the request that the main offices in the United States and the masters of vessels be supplied with them.

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Very respectfully,

D. W. GOODMAN,

*Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.*